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(b) whether "Parakavakula (Nathaman, Malayaman, Surathiman, Moopanar and Nainar)" has been included in the list of Most Backward Classes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) The communities, which are found to be almost as backward as the Scheduled Castes, but could not be classified as such, as they do not satisfy the criterion of untouchability are included in the list of Most Backward Classes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The community was not considered to be as backward as the other communities included in the list of Most Backward Classes.

SRI K. B. S. MANI : சர்க்கார் ஜாதி பேதமில்லாமல் எல்லா ஏழைகளுக்கும் அவர்களது வருமானத்தை வைத்து அவர்களுக்கு உதவி செய்வது என்று நிர்ணயித்திருக்க இம்மாதிரி புதிதாக ஒரு பட்டியலை தயாரிக்க வேண்டியது அவசியம் என்று சர்க்கார் கருதுகிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : இப்பொழுது ஒன்றும் புதிதாக பண்ணவில்லை. எற்கெனவே பண்ணினதுதான்.

SRI M. R. KANDASWAMI MUDALIAR : மிகவும் ஏழைகளாகவும், வாழ்க்கையில் வசதிக் குறைவாகவும் இருக்கக்கூடிய நெசவாளர்களுக்கும், விவசாயத் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கும் மிகவும் பின் தங்கிய வகுப்பினர் என்று கல்விச் சலுகை அளிக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : இப்பொழுது சமூகத் துறையிலும் பொருளாதாரத்துறையிலும் பின் தங்கியவர்களுக்குத்தான் இந்த வசதி அளிக்கப்படுகிறது.

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*125-A *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

1955-ம் வருஷம் நவம்பர் மாதம் 29-ம் தேதியில் 2923-ம் எண் கேள்விக்கு கொடுத்த பதிலையொட்டி, கோயமுத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் எத்தனை சேரி ரஸ்தாக்கள் செப்பனிடப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : In Coimbatore district 72 approach roads to Harijan colonies have so far been repaired.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

ATTACKING OF PASSENGERS AND STABBING OF THE ASSISTANT STATION MASTER, KODAMBAKKAM RAILWAY STATION ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 1958 BY ARMED MEN.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of three adjournment motions from three hon. Members, namely, Sri A. Govindasamy, Sri M. Kalyanasundaram and Sri K. Vinayakam to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, (1) attacking of passengers and stabbing of the Assistant Station Master, Kodambakkam Railway Station, by armed men on the 8th September 1958 at about 1-30 p.m. and the failure of the Government to give protection to the travelling public and officials; (2) the prevalence of a

state of insecurity in the City of Madras, as evidenced by the occurrence yesterday at Kodambakkam Railway Station, where an armed gang has way-laid a passenger suburban train and looted the passengers in broad day-light, cutting telephone connection and causing injuries to Railway men on duty; and (3) the serious situation that arose due to the daring robbery committed by some miscreants in Kodambakkam Railway Station on the 8th September 1958.

Before I allow a discussion on the matter I would like the Hon. Minister to tell me if he is prepared to answer to-day or, if he wants time, I shall take up the matter to-morrow.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I have just seen in the morning papers a report of the occurrence like that. I may point out that it was only one occurrence. I will call for particulars and try to make a statement to-morrow. But I would like to submit that this need not create the scare that is sought to be created by a motion for adjournment.

MR. SPEAKER : I should like to know from the hon. Members whether they feel the purpose of the motion could not be achieved by a short notice question when they would be able to ask many supplementaries and elicit information from Government whereas if I allowed the adjournment motion—I am not sure whether I am going to allow it or disallow it—it will only mean that only a few hon. Members can take part. In the case of a short notice question many hon. Members may put supplementaries and obtain information on many matters on which the Government may not be willing to give out the information. Therefore a short notice question will, in my opinion, satisfy the purpose of the hon. Members.

10 a.m. THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, the hon. Member Sri M. Kalyanasundaram has stated ' the prevalence of a state of insecurity in the City of Madras '. This is likely to create panic, and I hope that it is not as a retort against the allegations made against the Kerala State that he mentioned here that a state of insecurity prevails in the City of Madras. I hope that is not the intention in any event. It is likely to create panic.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : I have no such intention, but perhaps guilty conscience is pricking.

MR. SPEAKER : I do not want to allow any discussion now.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : I want only to remove scare and not to create scare.

MR. SPEAKER : I leave it to you three Members. On your adjournment motions I will give my ruling to-morrow. If the hon. Members will be satisfied with a short-notice question, I will admit it and have it put for to-morrow. The Hon. the Home Minister is not ready with the answer now. The matter cannot be

discussed to-day in either case. I shall now ask the Members one by one. Let them say if they will be satisfied with a short notice question or if they insist on the adjournment motion. Sri Govinda samy will now give his answer.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : நாளையதினம் இதைப்பற்றி ஸ்டேட்மெண்ட் கொடுக்கலாம் என்று அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறுவதால் இதை நாளைய தினம் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளலாம் என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Sir, the point is not when it is to be taken up. I have no objection to taking up this motion to-morrow. But I submit that this matter should be taken up as an adjournment motion, because it is an unprecedented matter. We have not heard, in the history of the railway of a passenger train being held up, the driver being pulled out, the stationmaster being manhandled in broad daylight, and passengers being looted. Because this is an unprecedented incident, I submit that it may be taken as an adjournment motion for the purpose of discussion.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, this incident, of course, should not create a scare so as to disturb the peace and order that is existing in the City. But, at the same time, Sir, though it may not come under an adjournment motion, according to the Chair, I would like to know what precautionary measures the Government are taking so that such incidents of an unprecedented character do not recur. This is a thing which should be put an end to immediately, and we should not wait till the answers are ready or till the matter is disposed of on the floor of the House. What are the precautions and what are the steps that the Government are taking, we should like to know in the meantime.

MR. SPEAKER : In view of what the Hon. the Home Minister has stated, I shall consider this case tomorrow.

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE TIRUCHIRAPPALLI KAIAERUVARAM AND MATTUVARAM BILL, 1958.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Tiruchirappalli Kaiaeruvaram and Mattuvaram Bill[a], 1958.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

"That leave be granted for the introduction of the Tiruchirappalli Kaieruvaram and Mattuvaram Bill, 1958."

The motion was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

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